pump control, light control, automatic transmission control, engine timing control, anti skid breaking system, air bag activation system, centre locking and power window control, climatic control, vehicle collision prevention, navigation control etc.

As regards the electronic component part, according to the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), Pune:

(i) The present electronic content in two/three wheelers is approximately 3% and is expected to go up to 6-8% in the next five years.

(ii) The present electronic content in passenger cars is about 5% and is slated to go up to 20-30% in the next 5 years.

(iii) The present electronic content in LCV/HCV/buses is about 5% and is expected to go up to 20% in the next 5-10 years.

Implementation of the Talwar Committee Report

†2141. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recommendations of the Talwar Committee regarding granting of pension to the Gramin Dak Sewaks have not been implemented till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that according to the Committee's recommendations, Gramin Dak Sewaks who have passed Intermediate examination and who are having three years of experience have not been allowed to appear in the departmental examination for the posts of clerk;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether payments are not made to the Gramin Dak Sewaks by adding 50 per cent D.A. in their basic pay; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The recommendation of the Justice Talwar Committee for grant of pension to the Gramin Dak Sewaks was considered by the Government but not found feasible to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

accept. Instead, benefit of severance amount of Rs. 30,000/-, Rs. 20,000/- depending on the length of employment was introduced Rs. 30,000/- is payable in case of discharge (retirement) of death if the period of continuous employment of the GDS is minimum 20 years, and Rs. 20,000/- if a GDS has completed 15-20 years of employment. On absorption to departmental post, the severance amount of Rs. 20,000/- payable after 15 years of continuous employment.

(c) and (d) Gramin Dak Sewaks are eligible for consideration against the unfilled vacancies of Group 'C' cadre in the promotion quota subject to fulfilling the prescribed conditions given below:-

(i) Gramin Dak Sewaks (GDSs) must have minimum qualification of 10+2 (Senior Secondary) and have put in minimum of 3 years of service.

(ii) Only those GDS shall be eligible who have secured marks not below the marks secured by the last recruit of the relevant category selected in the previous year.

(iii) The Gramin Dak Sewaks should be within 28 years of age (33 years for SC/ST and 31 years for OBC).

However, the recommendation of the Justice Talwar Committee for relaxation of age up to 5 years for the Gramin Dak Sewaks have not been accepted by the Government.

(e) and (f) As regards merger of 50% D.A. with the allowances called Time-Related-Continuity-Allowance (TRCA) of the Gramin Dak Sewaks, there was no such recommendation of the Justice Talwar Committee. However, the basic TRCA of the Gramin Dak Sewaks as drawn on 01.04.2004 has been increased by 5% for all categories of Gramin Dak Sewaks.

TRAI order on reducing international bandwidth prices

2142. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Tribunal has set aside TRAI order of reducing the international bandwidth prices by upto 70 per cent;